Group occupies accountancy firm's offices

THE Glasgow offices of international accountants Price Waterhouse, the firm used by the High Court to sequester the union funds of South Wales miners, were occupied yesterday by protesters.

About 12 people, claiming to be members of an anarchist group, entered the St Andrew House multi-storey building in West Nile Street at 7.30 a.m. They were challenged by a resident caretaker, Mr Desmond Fitzpatrick, who said he was brushed aside.

Carrying sheets of metal and wooden boards the protesters went to the thirteenth floor and barricaded themselves in.

Strathclyde police adopted a "softly, softly" approach as the occupation got under way.

Eight hours later the protesters dismantled the barriers and came out.

Last night a police spokesman said: "A number of people have been detained and will appear at Glasgow Sheriff Court in the morning."

Earlier, long banners proclaiming that "Glasgow Backs the Miners" were strung from windows across the building while protesters with balloons and horns drew the public's attention.

London publicity agents for the company said: "We can confirm a group of about a dozen people claiming to be unemployed Left-wing activists have occupied our offices in Glasgow. They say the occupation is a protest against the sequestration of the funds of the NUM South Wales branch and the freezing of money which it was claimed was collected for miners' families.

"We would point out that if the leaders of the NUM will identify these relief funds arrangements can be made to release them from sequestration. This has already been done in two cases."

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month by 9% over July despite calls for a vodka boycott by Solidarity and the Roman Catholic Church, the government spokesman said today.

"We admit with grief that the Church appeal was not successful," the spokesman, Mr Jerzy Urban, said at his weekly news conference. He acknowledged that the outlawed union also had called for "restraining alcohol consumption" last month.

Poles consumed 12.2 million litres of pure alcohol in

Mr Urban said consumption of vodka was down by 100,000 litres last month over August a year ago although "this was conpensated" by an increase of 300,000 litres of vodka sold at government-run hard-currency Pewex stores.

"We would have been very happy if the Church's appeal had been effective," he said. "The Church has been operating in this field for many centuries. We (the Communist government) for the last 40 years also failed to achieve success."

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Her first British show, "I Happen to like New York," has just opened at Edinburgh's 369 Gallery before going on to London's prestigious Photographers' Gallery and the Tel Aviv Museum.

It is a vivid array: Central Park seen through foreground sculpture; the Woolworth building; skyscraper reflections; walls of glass. All emanate her own sparkle, her joy in the world. "So much is ugly and unpleasant. I take great pleasure in making things beautiful. There is no spot in the world where you can't see things in an exciting way." An amazing lady. An invigorating show. At the 369 till September 22.

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JIMMY L n, Una McLean and pear at the King's month in

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NOW THEY'RE STEALING FOOD FROM CHILDREN!

THE THIRTEENTH FLOOR OF A CITY CENTRE OFFICE BLOCK WAS SEIZED EARLY THIS MORNING IN A DETERMINED MASS OCCUPATION BY GLASGOW'S UNEMPLOYED.

We're protesting at the premises of Price Waterhouse at 141 West Nile Street. They're the firm that the government called in to 'sequester' the funds of the South Wales Miners.

But these miserable mercenary accountants didn't only grab furniture and fittings from the Union H.Q. THEY STOLE HUNDREDS OF POUNDS WORTH OF FOOD COLLECTED FOR MINERS FAMILIES.

This occupation is to express our deep disgust at this attempt to break the Miners Strike.

The unemployed know only too well the hardship that the Miners and their families must be facing after six months on strike.

We can't give much money from our own pockets. We can't go on strike.

BUT WE CAN DEMONSTRATE OUR ACTIVE SOLIDARITY.

Join us!

TODAY'S ACTION is organised by unemployed workers from the Clydeside Anarchists, together with independent unemployed activists from Castlemilk and other parts of Glasgow.

We have all been involved in collecting money for the miners and have raised several thousand pounds in the past six weeks.

This action has been discussed with some local miners, who have promised active participation.

WE ARE WELL BARRICADED IN FOR THIS PEACEFUL PROTEST AND PLAN TO BE HERE FOR A CONSIDERABLE TIME.

COME TO 141 WEST NILE STREET

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THE REAL REASONS FOR PIT CLOSURES

The spectacle of nearly ten thousand police, some armed, touring in convoys around the country and acting as a para-military force to stop miners' pickets from travelling to other pits (during which one young picket was killed), has shocked even a number of liberals.

The whole operation is being co-ordinated at Scotland Yard by the Association of Chief Police Officers under their president, Mr. David Hall. The ACPO is a non-elected body, accountable only to themselves, not set up by Parliament, yet in cahoots with certain Tory ministers. It's another step towards a police state.

'But all this is undemocratic!' whine these few naive middle-class liberals. Democracy? The middle class themselves devised this 'democracy'! It is their 'democracy'. Its purpose is to ensure that they remain the top dogs. And when at any time their 'democracy' gets in their way — as they believe it has done in trying to quell the miners — they throw it aside, just as any other of the so-called 'democratic' countries do. Just look at the villainous activities of the USA's 'democratic' regime in places like El Salvador.

Why are the leaders of this country's middle class so blatantly exposing the mailed fist through the kid gloves? It doesn't appear to be necessary.

The Coal Board and the Government have been saying they are not bothered by the miners' strike because there are enough coal stocks to last for many months, and the miners are bound to lose. So why the heavy stuff? Because they must crush the miners' revolt before many workers in other industries join in — and because there is a latent anger among large numbers of workers in the country, including the 4½ million unemployed, which could easily turn into a rebellious situation much more difficult to control.

Then why did they start the strike by closing pits? — an action which for over a year they have consistently lied about. MacGregor, the Coal Board chairman, has categorically stated on several occasions over the last year that the board will not close pits.

"All present and corrupt, Sir!"

the lie nailed

The closure of Corton Wood colliery in Yorkshire is said to have 'sparked off' the strike. Here was a pit where the lie of 'non-economic' was clearly nailed. Corton Wood, like other pits closed or due for closure, produces some of the best coal in the country. In fact, so useful was it, and so well had it been working, that £1½ million has been spent on it in the last year — only last October the pit baths were completely renewed at a cost of many thousands of pounds. It was miners from this pit who produced a leaflet setting out, in detail, this and other information about their pit, and who travelled to the Nottinghamshire coalfields to distribute it and to

persuade the miners there to support them. Some were stopped by police on the way and not allowed to go any further, others had their leaflets snatched, others were threatened with arrest if they tried to distribute any.

police smash cars

The police operation was described (23.3. 84) by a BBCtv '60 Minutes' reporter as "a military-style deployment". The Daily Mirror of the same day reported that Yorkshire miners going to Thoresby in Nottinghamshire were stopped at a round-about just off the motorway. "They locked themselves in and refused to wind down their windows.... The police, wielding crowbars, smashed their way into the cars and dragged the pickets out." There were other reports of police stopping cars outside Thoresby, stripping miners and searching them and their cars.

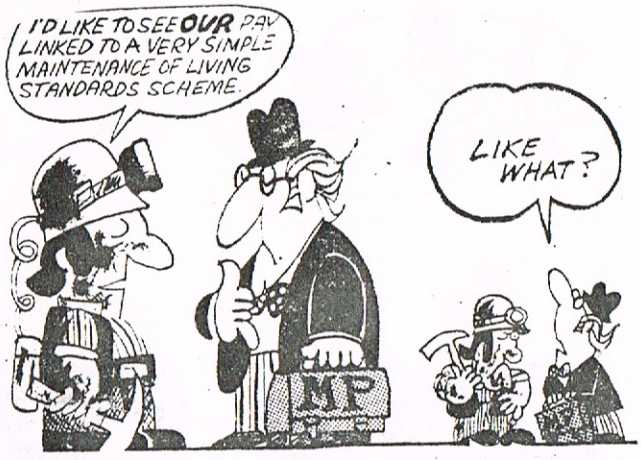
Kent miners were stopped by police at the Dartford Tunnel and ordered to turn back—200 miles from the Notts coalfields! Coachloads of South Wales miners were stopped by police at an M6 service area near Cannock, Staffordshire. They were herded out and the drivers ordered to take the empty coaches back to Wales. Some thumbed lifts, others walked. These are only a few of the police terrorist activities that have shocked 'liberal-minded people'. One miner said: "Police operations while the Yorkshire Ripper was at large were like a vicar's tea-party compared with this. Our 'crime' is that we're trying to save the coal industry."

The point is, this middle-class Government doesn't want to save the coal industry. They want to run it right down. Another indication that this is being done is that British coal has by far the smallest government subsidy in the whole of Europe, £3 per ton. For example, the subsidy in West Germany is £9 per ton, in

"Our actions in this strike are totally unbiased." — The Chief Constable of Nottinghamshire

France it's £18 per ton. Consequently, very little British coal can be sold abroad. MacGregor has been instructed to 'manage' the run-down and, as a first step, to reduce production by 40 million tons — hence, the closures. So we come back to the question: Why?

There are several reasons. Miners together have considerable power. (The leaders of the middle class, and a majority of the led, still remember the fear they felt when the miners brought down a Conservative government in the early 70s.) This power can be substantially reduced by running down the industry and making many thousands of miners unemployed.



nuclear power/weapons

But a large proportion of the coal at present produced is essential for the generation of electricity. With the coal industry shrinking, the way will then be clear for 'the only alternative' — nuclear power stations. Many of our rulers believe this switch-over to be a vital necessity.

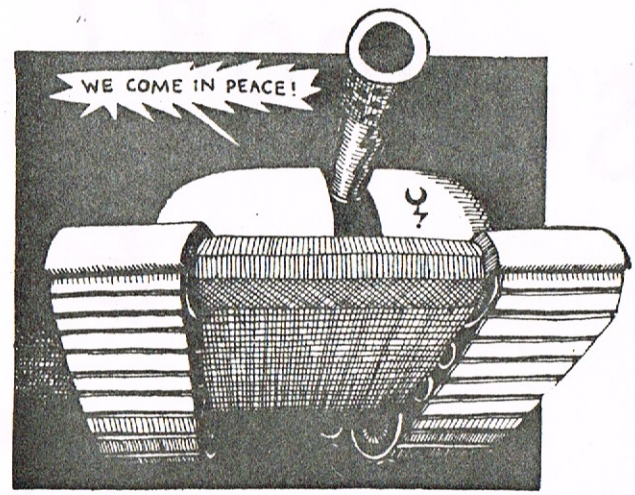
At present, workers in the electricity-generating industry have potentially more muscle than the miners. Whereas it takes some weeks for a miners' strike to bite, the power-workers could shut down almost the whole economy overnight. However, nuclear power stations can be highly automated, therefore can be run with far fewer workers — and even these can be subjected to the sort of control now being experienced by civil servants at the Communications Headquarters in Cheltenham.

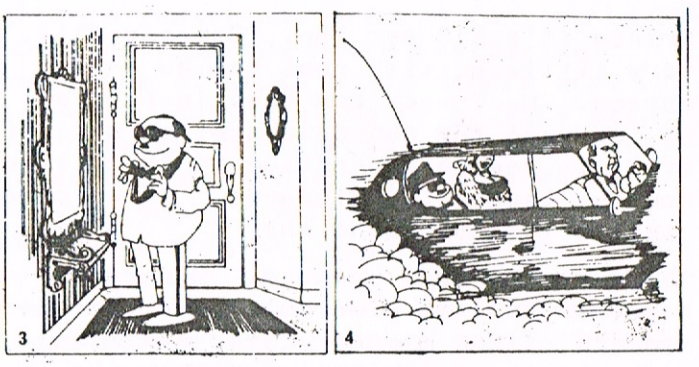
Another important reason for the switch-over is that by-products of nuclear power stations are essential for the continued production of nuclear weapons.

A pointer to the fact that all this is on their agenda is the Government's plan to instruct the Electricity Boards to increase the price of electricity by 2%. It is not because the Boards are losing money — they made a profit last year of £372 million. An increase of 2% will double profits to £750 million. This will be a useful contribution to the vast sum such a conversion will cost.

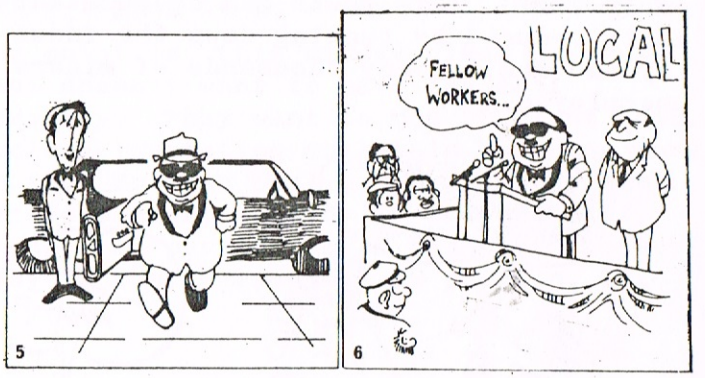
The miners have been forced into a situation where they must take on very powerful enemies. Their prospects of victory are not good. The 'disarray' among NUM leaders where some are supporting (initiating?)

the cops arrive — 198?





blackleg action, is yet another of the varied obstacles to success in stopping pit closures. But obstacles can be removed. With substantial active support from working-class people throughout the country, the miners could win. Their fight is our fight as well. Their fight--though many of them may not yet be consciously aware of it — is part of the fight against much of the rottenness in this society, including nuclear weapons.



cut the strings!

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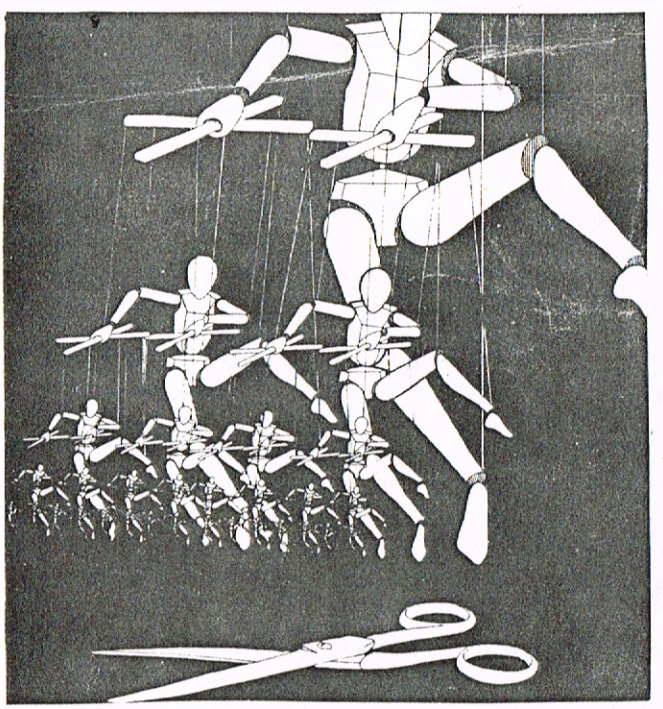

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